

SPECIAL SEMINAR
PLAAS in partnership with Too Big To Ignore (TBTI)

"Blue Justice" for Small-Scale Fisheries: The Constructive Agenda



Panel discussion and debate led by high-level fisheries experts:

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In November 2018, Kenya hosted the Blue Growth Conference on the continent to promote the blue economy, blue bonds, and blue investments as the next development strategy for African nations. A key link to the blue growth agenda is the sustainability of the oceans through adopting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Key questions in this global debate are:

- To what extent are blue growth initiatives challenging the existing social structures, power relations, access rights, and rights of small-scale fisheries engaging in livelihoods activities in the same ocean space?
- To what extent are small-scale fishers part of the debates, discussions and decisions when their fishing grounds are under threat?
- More importantly, who benefits from the blue growth agenda?

It is time to think about Blue Justice in relation to small-scale fisheries. It is also time to start connecting the key international instruments such as the United Nations FAO's Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (2014), the Governance of Tenure (2012), and the Right to Food, to meaningful engagement with small-scale fishing communities to secure access, food and livelihoods.

PLAAS in partnership with Too Big To Ignore (TBTI; toobigtoignore.net) invite debates and discussions about the concept of Blue Justice for Small-Scale Fisheries and making it part of the 'constructive' agenda for small-scale fisheries, particularly in light of the envisaged International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2022.

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